RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas Fraternal Congress, founded in 1900, serves to unite statewide fraternal benefit societies, which number more than 2,300 strong and represent more than 619,000 members; during its weeklong observance of Texas Fraternal Week, being held from May 14 through May 18, 2007, the TFC encourages members to make a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Member societies of the TFC were founded on the principles of mutual aid, fraternal service, and democratic governance; fraternal benefit societies throughout Texas provide their members with opportunities for leadership, education, community service, social interaction, and spiritual growth; and

WHEREAS, In addition, these noteworthy organizations strive to build strong relationships with public officials and to achieve a deeper understanding of legislative processes in order to effectively navigate the regulatory environment in which they operate; and

WHEREAS, Fraternal benefit societies have long contributed to the lives of many Texans and to the rich history of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize May 14-18, 2007, as Texas Fraternal
22 Week and extend sincere best wishes to all those associated with
23 fraternal benefit societies.

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H.R. No. 2211

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2211 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House